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LB 90, 90A, 312, 312A, 645
LR 237

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Sister Veronica Volkmer from the Marian Sisters in Waverly, a guest of Senator Foley. Sister, please.

VERONICA VOLKMER: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Sister Veronica, for being with us this morning. We appreciate it. Sister Veronica is from the 29th District. I call the eighty-seventh day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: No corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. LB 312, LB 312A, LB 90, and LB 90A were delivered to the Governor on May 25, have been signed and delivered to the Secretary of State. I have a confirmation report from the Education Committee regarding Tim Hodges to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. New resolution, LR 237 by Senator Raikes; that will be laid over. (Legislative Journal pages 1813-1814.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to the first agenda item, General File 2005, committee first priority bills. Mr. Clerk, LB 645.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 645 introduced by the Speaker. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 19, referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. That committee reported the bill to General File with committee amendments. Those amendments